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SUBJ: ESTABLISHMENT OF PRC AND SOVIET EMBASSIES

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1. SIR TEI ABAL, LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION, ON APRIL 4
BECAME THE FIRST POLITICIAN TO PUBLICLY CRITICIZE THE
FONMIN'S DECISION TO PERMIT ESTABLISHMENT OF PRC AND
SOVIET DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS HERE.

2. WHILE ACCEPTING THE DESIRABILITY OF HAVING FRIENDLY
RELATIONS WITH THE TWO COMMUNIST STATES, SIR TEI SAID
HE NEVERTHELESS OPPOSED THEIR ESTABLISHING MISSIONS
HERE FOR THE FOLLOWING REASONS:

A. "IF THESE EMBASSIES ARE ESTABLISHED THE KGB AND ITS
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CHINESE EQUIVALENT WILL NOT BE FAR BEHIND."

B. "ANYWHERE THESE TWO ARE, THE CIA WILL ALSO BE TO
KEEP AN EYE ON THEM."

C. PNG'S OPPORTUNITY TO BUILD A NATION REFLECTING ITS
OWN NATURE AND PHILOSOPHY WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED.

D. BIG POWER RIVALRIES AND POLITICS WOULD BE DETRIMENTAL TO PEACE IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC WHERE THE TWO HAVE BEEN TRYING TO GAIN A FOOTHOLD.

E. LETTING PRC AND USSR INTO PNG WOULD CAUSE GREAT ANIMOSITY FROM OTHER SOUTH PACIFIC NATIONS WHICH ARE NOW FRIENDS AND WHICH TRUST PNG.

3. COMMENT: THE ONLY SURPRISE HERE IS THAT IT TOOK FIVE DAYS FOR SOME PROMINENT FIGURE TO OPEN PUBLIC DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE AS IT HAS BEEN SUBJECT OF INTENSE AND WIDESPREAD PRIVATE DISCUSSIONS AMONG GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, DIPLOMATS AND INTERESTED CITIZENS WITH STRONG OPPOSITION EXPRESSED IN MOST QUARTERS.
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